

## House Resolution 552

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Knight of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Walker of the 107<sup>th</sup>, and Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. J. William Mize; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. J. William Mize on January 9, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Mize was born on June 8, 1932 in Clarkston, Georgia, where he attended  
5 elementary and high school; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty for two tours with  
7 the United States navy, demonstrating great strength, leadership, and courage during the  
8 Korean War era and earning four combat stars; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after his service with the military, Mr. Mize earned a bachelor's degree in  
10 accounting from Georgia State University and went on to become a successful entrepreneur,  
11 starting and selling numerous businesses over the years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Mize was a generous and magnanimous individual, giving back to his  
13 community through his work with his church, the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, the  
14 Masons Shrine, and Georgia Jaycees; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his passing leaves an unfillable void in the hearts of his friends and family,  
16 especially his devoted and loving companion, Libby Nix, and his children, David and Ellen;  
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mize was a person of impeccable strengths with an unimpeachable  
19 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of  
20 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, all who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Mize join his family in mourning their  
22 loss and hold tight the memories of wonderful times shared with him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mr.  
25 J. William Mize.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. J. William  
28 Mize.